

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel originally-filed claims 1-25, without prejudice. In addition, please add new claims 26 and 27, as provided below. The listing of these claims are as follows:

Claims 1-25 (cancelled).

26. (New) A maraca comprising:

a maraca body;

a maraca handle connected to the maraca body; and

a bottle cap opener connected to the maraca handle.

27. (New) The maraca of claim 26, wherein the bottle cap opener is incorporated into the maraca handle.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the originally-filed specification of the above-referenced U.S. application, via a substitute specification, to refer to and claim priority from the underlying U.S. Patent Application No. 09/865,349 filed on May 25, 2001, (the "Patent Application") and from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/289,938, filed on May 9, 2001. A marked-up comparison illustrating changes between the originally-filed specification and the substitute specification is enclosed herewith.

In addition, originally-filed claims 1-25 of the underlying U.S. Patent Application No. 09/865,349 have been cancelled without prejudice, and new claims 26-27 have been added to continue prosecuting Claims 72 and 73 cancelled during the prosecution of the Parent Application.